



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A process for providing substrate surfaces with images covered by a transparent coating layer, consisting of the successive steps:
a[[]]) providing a substrate to be provided with an image covered with a transparent coating layer and providing [[of]] a backing foil consisting of a foil, one side having a first uncured or at most partially cured transparent coating, optionally, a further transparent coating and, on the side of the transparent coating remote from the foil, having an image thereon, wherein the image is applied by ink jet printing;
b[[]]) applying the backing foil with its coated side provided with the image onto the substrate[[,]];
c[[]]) curing of at least the first transparent coating; and
d[[]]) removing the foil from the transparent coating such that the entire transparent coating [[which]], together with the image, remains on the substrate, wherein curing according to process step c[[]]) proceeds before and/or after removal of the foil.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 9, wherein the first transparent coating is thermally curable and curing proceeds in step c[[]]) by supply of thermal energy by means of a method selected from the group consisting of radiant heating, convection, induction heating, contact heating and any desired combination thereof.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 9, wherein the first transparent coating is curable by means of high-energy radiation and the curing in step c[[]]) proceeds by irradiation with high-energy radiation selected from the group consisting of electron beam radiation and UV radiation.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 9, wherein the curable coating composition is a coating composition curable thermally and by means of high-energy radiation and the curing in step c[[']) proceeds by supply of thermal energy by means of a method selected from the group consisting of radiant heating, convection, induction heating, contact heating and any combination thereof and by irradiation with high-energy radiation selected from the group consisting of electron beam radiation and UV radiation.

Claim 13. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein the transparent coating layer of step a) comprises a coating selected from the group consisting of thermally curable coatings, coatings curable by means of high-energy radiation and coatings which are curable by means of high-energy radiation and additionally by thermal means.

Claim 14. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein the transparent coating layer of step a) contains 1 to 20%, relative to the resin solids content, of an inorganic filler.

Claim 15. (New) The process of claim 9, wherein said optional further transparent coating in step a) contains 1 to 20 wt.%, relative to the resin solids content, of an inorganic filler.

Claim 16. (New) The process of claim 15, wherein the coating composition used to apply the further transparent coating has the same resin solids composition as the transparent coating on the backing foil provided in process step a) of claim 9.